

Abstract

A method and apparatus for bi-directional communication, such as a cable modem, adapted to interface with a plurality of consumer electronics devices such as external storage of memory. The communications device has

5 a first interface adapted to provide data transfer between a host device and a communications network. A second interface is adapted to provide data transfer between the host device and an external storage device or consumer electronics product having a memory storage device. The second interface

10 circuitry is adapted to determine a type of external device coupled thereto and responsively retrieve data therefrom, the retrieved data being provided to the host device.

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